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Children's Center
a Program of the Cherokee Child Advocacy Council, Inc.

**Advanced ChildFirst™ Georgia:
Your Role In the Judicial Process
July 27–29, 2022**

The Classic Center - Athens, Georgia

This advanced course is an intense, hands-on learning experience. Participants are provided with pre-course reading materials on a mock child abuse investigation case. Once the course begins, students watch a forensic interview that was conducted by an experienced forensic interviewer with a professional actor. Participants then participate in a mock MDT meeting to discuss the various investigative and child protective factors associated with the case. Participants process information revealed during the forensic interview and identify any potential challenges to the interview that might be posed during legal proceedings. Discussion also takes place regarding the investigative and protective information that has been collected and what additional investigative steps should be taken as the case moves forward. Participants also explore various factors related to the prosecution of the case.

Faculty members then provide lectures to instruct the participants on the various judicial proceedings that may take place if the case is accepted for prosecution. A mock trial featuring the faculty as the testifying witnesses then takes place to illustrate how the case would likely be presented to a jury and the direct and cross-examination questions that would likely be posed to the witnesses.

Following the faculty mock trial, the students then “take the stand” and provide testimony as witnesses in their respective roles. Following each participant’s testimony, faculty and peers provide constructive feedback regarding the testimony.

There is no registration fee for this course due to funds from the Children’s Justice Act; however, **participants are responsible for their own lodging, meals and travel expenses**. Additional hotel/lodging information will be provided to students upon selection for the course. Please do not arrange travel prior to acceptance.

*Advanced ChildFirst: Your Role in the Judicial Process will take place from
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 PM, Wednesday – Friday.
Students must be present for the entire training session.*

APPLICATIONS FOR COURSE MUST BE SUBMITTED BY ****June 17, 2022****

Please submit completed application to
childfirst@cherokeechildadvocates.org

Or fax to (678) 445-7778.

The course is limited to 20 participants. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by June 21, 2022

See next page for training application.

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Applicant and Agency Information

Applicant:

Last First Middle Initial Job Title

Applicant E-Mail Address Applicant Cell Number

Agency
Information:

Agency Name

Agency Street Address City/State Zip Code

Agency Phone Agency Fax County AND Judicial Circuit

Forensic Interview Training Experience - Please select all that apply, must select at least one:

I have attended a ChildFirst or Finding Words Forensic Interview course. Year of attendance: _____

I have attended another nationally recognized forensic interview course.

Name of course and year of attendance: _____

I have not attended a forensic interview training course but observe interviews in preparation for prosecution of child abuse cases. Approximate number of child abuse trials for which you served as prosecutor: _____

Testimony Training:

Have you previously attended a course to assist you in developing testimony skills? (for example, Zero Abuse Project's "Forensic Interviewer at Trial") No Yes If yes, name of course _____

My primary role in child abuse investigations: (Please check ALL that apply)

Forensic Interviewer

Law Enforcement Investigator/Detective Department: _____

DFCS Investigator/Caseworker

Prosecutor

Other _____

If you are a forensic interviewer/investigator, approximately how many interviews have you conducted or observed?

Conducted: _____ Observed: _____

Have you testified in court in cases regarding charges of **crimes against children**? Yes No

If YES, approximately how many times have you testified in cases of crimes against children? _____

By the signature below, I verify that this applicant has my approval to attend the three-day Advance ChildFirst course.

Agency Head and Title

Agency Head Email

Signature

Date

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